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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE

UNITED NATIONS

CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT:

United States Law of the Sea Policy

In light of the conclusion of the Law of the Sea (LOS) session in New York, the LOS Interagency Group should promptly review the following:

- o The convention adopted at the conference, particularly as it relates to United States interests and the objectives set forth in the President's January 29 statement and directive.
- o Steps and positions the United States should now consider taking to best protect its Law of the Sea and other ocean interests. This should include, in particular, analysis of both near-term and longer-term approaches for the establishment of an alternative arrangement for deep seabed mining among like-minded states, as well as related questions on the positions of such key countries and others toward the LOS treaty.
- o Considerations pertaining to (1) signing the Final Act at Caracas later this year, and (2) signing the convention and participating in the Preparatory Commission.

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Analysis of alternative courses of action with their advantages and disadvantages should be included as appropriate. The review should be considered by the Senior Interagency Group and forwarded for the President's consideration by June 16, 1982.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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